

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace third paragraph on page 4 with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention (5) is the water-solubilizing agent according to the invention (1) wherein the water-soluble macromolecule is a compound selected from water-soluble polylysacchride, such as alginates[[,]] (for example, alginic acid, propylene glycol alginates), gum arabic, xanthan gum, hyaluronic acid, chondroitin sulfate, water-soluble cellulose, such as cellulose acetate, methyl cellulose, hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose, chitosan, chitosan, chitin; water-soluble proteins, such as gelatin, collagen; polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene block copolymer; and DNA.

Please replace the second paragraph on page 9 with the following amended paragraph:

The above water-soluble macromolecules are not particularly limited as long as they have the above-specified molecular weights, examples of which may include compounds selected from various vegetable-based surface active agents, water-soluble polysaccharides, such as

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alginates, (for example, alginic acid, propylene glycol alginate), gum arabic, xanthan gum, hyaluronic acid, chondroitin sulfate, water-soluble celluloses, such as cellulose acetate, methyl cellulose, hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose, chitosan, chitin; water-soluble proteins, such as gelatin, collagen; polyoxyethylenepolyoxypropylene block copolymer; and DNA.